

WORK ON TRANSIT WILL BEGIN SOON; BIDS TO BE ASKED

Councils Make Loan Money Available and Clear Way for Action

AWAIT ENGINEERS' PLANS

Mayor Ready to Rush Work on Rapid Transit System

Last enabling legislation passed by Councils. Mayor announces work will be begun as soon as detailed plans have been completed by Transit Department.

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It has not been definitely decided which of the two lines will be begun first, the Mayor said today.

SMITH READY TO PROCEED. "I had a talk recently with former Transit Director Taylor as to the best way to proceed," the Mayor said.

When asked whether the prevailing high prices of steel and other building materials would cause any delay in letting contracts, the Mayor replied that the price of materials soared beyond all reason this should not cause any delay.

"The people by their vote on May 16," continued the Mayor, "approved beyond all question that they want rapid transit, and it is for me as Mayor to see that they get what they want as soon as possible."

LEASING PLAN NOT SETTLED. When asked what progress has been made in the negotiations with Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for the leasing and operation of the city-built high-speed system, the Mayor said:

"The ad men's convention and the moving of the troops have so occupied my time for the last two weeks that I have had no opportunity to call a conference of the city members on the Transit Board as I had planned to do. With these other matters cared for I shall call a meeting next week to take some definite steps."

The Mayor is anxious to work out an agreement with the Rapid Transit Company as soon as possible, since no work can be done on the Frankford elevated south of Callowhill street until it is known how the line shall be operated.

"RIVER PIRATE" HELD IN THEFTS OF BOATS

Man Arrested in Media Confesses to Stealing of Five Craft

Numerous thefts of canoes, rowboats and launches from points along the Delaware River front from Cooper's Point to Edgewater Park, that have puzzled the Camden police authorities for more than a month were solved today when City Detective John Painter returned to Camden from Media, where he had been sent to look over a man giving the name of Richard Long, upon arrest at the latter place.

Painter recognized the prisoner, who had been arrested while trying to sell a rowboat near Eastington on July 4, as Richard Simmons, an old-time "river pirate" whom Painter had arrested on a similar charge 13 years ago.

When Painter remarked that Simmons must have some communication to serve at the State Penitentiary, the prisoner replied: "They don't give you time off at that place; they just let you out, and I'll have to pay back a lot of time owed them."

Fix State Convention Date. DOVER, Del., July 7.—The Republican State Central Committee of Delaware met late yesterday and decided upon Tuesday, August 22, as the date for the State convention. Saturday, August 19, was specified as the date for the primaries.

School Holds Belated Commencement. MORRISVILLE, Pa., July 7.—A class of 12 was graduated last night from the Morrisville High School, the commencement having previously been postponed because of an outbreak of diphtheria.

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U. S. EXPERTS SENT HERE TO PREVENT SPREAD OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Will Arrive Tomorrow to Assist City and State in Checking Disease Among Children

NO EPIDEMIC, SAYS KRUSEN

Experts from the general service board of the United States Public Health Service at Washington were ordered to Philadelphia today to assist the city and State health officials in establishing precautionary measures against the invasion of infantile paralysis.

They will probably arrive tomorrow morning and confer immediately with Doctor Krusen, director of the Department of Public Health, and assist the department with their technical, expert knowledge of preventive methods.

Philadelphia already has established a strong first line of defense against invasion of the epidemic which is gripping Brooklyn and Greater New York. And it was announced this afternoon by Doctor Krusen that additional precautions would be taken until the city becomes as near impregnable to the epidemic as it is possible to make it.

VICTIM SERIOUSLY ILL. Florence Alexander, 5 years old, daughter of Samuel Alexander, of 1910 East Erie street, the latest of the only two victims of the malady, who was taken to the Municipal Hospital at 2 o'clock this morning, developed total paralysis of the legs this afternoon. She is in a serious condition.

The other victim, Joseph Curran, 17 months old, of 2138 Delaware avenue, Kensington, was the first one to be taken to the special ward in the hospital.

Besides a special ward and a special corps of trained physicians and nurses at the Municipal Hospital for the care of the cases, Director Krusen has appointed two specialists of the pediatric staff of the hospital to answer calls of families and medical men. These two specialists have been given an automobile for the special purpose of making quick trips in answer to such calls.

CAIRNS STUDIES METHODS. Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief medical inspector of the Department of Health, is in New York today conferring with specialists of the Department of Health there. He is learning the latest methods being employed there for the care and disposition of cases and the general precautionary measures being taken. He will return to Philadelphia tonight prepared to put into effect here whatever measures he has learned that will be necessary to guard against the malady.

Director Krusen is having printed today a pamphlet which will be used as a form letter to be mailed to physicians throughout the city, giving them instructions on the scientific precautions necessary. He expects the pamphlets to be off the presses tonight and will have them mailed tomorrow.

NO EPIDEMIC, SAYS KRUSEN. "There is no infantile paralysis epidemic in Philadelphia," Doctor Krusen said. "At present there are known to be two cases of the disease in the city. They have been isolated in the ward which has been set aside for such cases in the Municipal Hospital. Two cases do not make an epidemic."

"I believe that Philadelphia is in no danger of a general spreading of the disease. One of the principal reasons it has taken such a hold in New York and Brooklyn is because of the extremely congested districts there. Philadelphia is a city of homes. As a consequence, a majority of the disease coming to Pennsylvania from the north and south, leaves by the nose and throat. The mucous membranes of these parts become the secondary host of the disease germs."

"As you cannot pick out children who are able to resist the disease, the manifest duty of the doctor and health authorities is to shield them as far as possible. During the serious prevalence of the disease, families, as far as possible, should keep their own children away from other children, especially those they know nothing of."

With regard to the carriers of the disease, it is difficult to be exact. I have known of cases of the disease in which chickens, birds and cats have been the carriers. Therefore it stands to reason that the parents should keep their children away from cats and other animals they know nothing of."

PLAN LINE OF DEFENSE. The borders of the State will be patrolled by the State health officials to prevent any of the cases coming to Pennsylvania from New York. State Health Commissioner Dixon has ordered 2000 health officials to maintain the patrol, and has called a meeting of the State Health Department and a "body board" for tomorrow morning to discuss the disease. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock, at the Philadelphia offices of the State Health Commission.

CLOSE WATCH FOR CASES. Doctor Dixon has officially declared Pennsylvania quarantined against all persons suffering from the disease, and has issued instructions to all local health boards to telegraph to the State Department of Health all cases as soon as they are reported in the various communities.

The case of the Curran baby was reported to the department of health at 8 o'clock last night by Dr. F. A. Murphy, of 2613 Richmond street. The child has been ill only three days, but his left arm and leg are completely paralyzed, and little hope is held out for his recovery.

The second case was reported after 1 o'clock this morning, after it had been under careful observation for eight hours. Physicians of the city health department made a diagnosis at once in both cases, and the patients were removed in closed ambulances to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases.

Director Krusen said that he had the special ward fitted out at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, "in order to be on the safe side. I was only carrying out the doctrine of preparedness," he said. "I still maintain the disease is only mildly contagious, if at all. Doctor Cairns said: 'Now, take in the year 1910, when we had 155 cases of infantile paralysis, there was a total of 198 children who were exposed to the 155 who were affected. Yet of that 198 children only two contracted the disease.'"

"It is self evident that if the camp or any form of segregation is resorted to, it should be done in such a way as not to threaten new communities. The place for segregation should be as far as possible from places closely inhabited, such as, for example, the slopes of the Alleghenies."

"By remaining attended on one hand and children of a community or neighborhood which have not become victims of the disease, two things are accomplished. One is the danger of climate and atmospheric conditions in the community are not present. The second is that it prevents the spread of disease by individual contact."

"One of the things that has not only

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Now that the hot season is upon the city, the recreation piers afford welcome breathing spots for hosts of Philadelphia's children. Open air exercise is one of the best preventives of diseases such as infantile paralysis, which spreads most in badly ventilated homes. This is a scene on Race street pier. Photo by Staff Photographer.



PARALYSIS VICTIM



Florence Alexander, 5 years old, of 1930 East Erie avenue, is one of the two children in this city seized with the infantile paralysis which is sweeping New York. She has been taken to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases.

Dr. Samuel Dixon, commissioner of the State Department of Health, contends with Doctor Cairns that the disease is not easily communicated. In a statement he gave out last night he said: "The infantile paralysis now epidemic in New York and its suburbs is serious, as the death rate, up to the present time, would appear to be about 45 per cent. This is unusually high, and, unfortunately, we do not know what produces this distressing disease, nor have we any specific for its treatment."

"Pennsylvania statistics, compiled during an epidemic a few years ago, indicate it was not easily communicated from one person to another, for the reason that most of the homes in which the disease existed had two or more children and it was a great exception when we had more than one case in a single family."

"Then again, when the children, suffering with infantile paralysis, were taken to hospitals and put in wards with other children, they did not transmit the disease. Notwithstanding this fact these sick children were kept in a separate room away from other children, and those rooms should be made proof against flies, or, in other words, insects, rats, mice, cats and dogs."

"It is possible that insects may produce or carry the disease, and they may get the poison from those suffering with the disease and transmit it indirectly to other children, or, in some cases, to adults. It is again possible that this disease might come from pollen or seeds of vegetable life. It is not probable that it comes from food-stuff, for, if so, more children in the same families would become infected than our statistics show."

"When a child is stricken with this disease, it should be under the constant care of the physician, as the general treatment from the very beginning of the attack has much to do with the final recovery."

INFANT SCOURGE MAY CONTINUE ALL SUMMER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 7.—Overworked Board of Health officials, who have been striving unsuccessfully to check the infantile paralysis epidemic, admitted today their belief that the scourge would probably continue throughout the summer. The mortality continues at about 24 per cent—higher than ever recorded in previous outbreaks here.

Twenty-two deaths were reported in the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock, against 24 in the previous 24 hours. There were 87 new cases reported. During the preceding 24 hours 123 new cases had developed. Although the figures are smaller, it was said that the disease was increasing in some districts which had hitherto been immune from it.

There are 400 cases being treated in two hospitals in Brooklyn, whereas on July 1 only 321 cases of the disease were known to exist in the entire city.

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PENROSE, OF OLD GUARD, CHOSEN BY HUGHES FOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Announcement of the Senator's Name and Other Members Expected Within a Short Time

VARE RAPS 'OTHER OUTFIT'

Senator Penrose has been selected by Charles Evans Hughes as a member of his campaign committee, according to reports from New York today. The candidate has selected his committee, it is said, and it will be announced within a short time by National Chairman Wilcox.

Senator Penrose is the only one of the "Old Guard" leaders who fought Roosevelt in the 1912 convention to be mentioned for a place in the body that will have charge of Mr. Hughes' campaign. The Republicans who are understood to have been chosen are:

Charles B. Warren, Michigan, for vice chairman of the National Committee; Herbert Parsons, New York, with George B. Cortlyon as a noncommittee member associate; James A. Hemenway, of Indiana; John H. Adair, Iowa; F. W. Gatabook, New Hampshire; Ralph E. Williams, Oregon; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia; B. B. Howell, Nebraska; A. T. Hart, Kentucky; Hotes Penrose, Pennsylvania, and W. H. Crocker, California.

ELECTORS' LIST IN FEW DAYS

The Vares will have five of the six district electors in Philadelphia. The delegates to the Republican National Convention have selected most of the electors in the 32 districts throughout the State, and the complete list is expected to be ready to present to Mr. Hughes within two or three days for his approval.

Four of the district electors have been definitely chosen in Philadelphia, while tentative selections have been made in the other two. They follow:

First District—Either Ellis A. Gimbel or General E. V. Morrell. Second District—Thomas Robins. Third District—Virtually certain that agreement will be reached on Dr. James Van Buskirk.

Fourth District—Mayor Thomas B. Smith. The Penrose support was thrown to the Mayor in this instance. Fifth District—N. C. Broadhead. Sixth District—Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith.

Mr. Robins is the only elector of the six not affiliated with the Vares. He is a Progressive, and was selected by Senator McNichol and Judge Charles L. Brown for the purpose of helping to win the Progressives back to the party.

VARE TO CONTINUE WARD FIGHT

Senator Edwin H. Vare, in a speech last night, declared that any movement for harmony between the warring factions of the Republican Organization would not keep him out of the fight for control of the 24th Ward. The Senator spoke at a dinner given by Michael I. Crane, ward leader in the ward, at Judge's Cafe, West Philadelphia. Crane was defeated for city commissioner by Blake McLaughlin, Penrose-McNichol follower, at the last election.

"I am looking you men squarely in the face," said Senator Vare, "when I say that I am with you in your future fight, and for anything I can do to aid you, count on me. There should never have been any fight at the last election. That other outfit thought it would beat us when it dashed that letter about Governor Brumbaugh. But despite the fact that the Governor was ill and out of the campaign for 32 days, the Penrose-McNichol crowd only won by seven votes when it came to an issue about naming the Governor at the Republican convention. If he had not been ill and out of the fight as far as doing any campaigning was concerned, we would have cleaned up."

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"PUT ME IN PRISON," SAYS FUGITIVE DOCTOR ACCUSED BY GIRL OF 15

Spring City Physician Appears Late at Night at Prison Door and Gives Himself Up

FOUND GUILTY OF CHARGE

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 7.—Dr. J. C. Mewhinney, of Spring City, who had been missing for several months and wanted here to serve a sentence for a criminal assault on Margaret Bertolat, 15 years old, daughter of Warren Bertolat, of the same place, is in a cell at the Chester County prison. He surrendered late last night to Warden John L. Clower and asked that he be locked up.

Mewhinney fled from the courtroom here near the close of his trial when it appeared certain he would be found guilty. He disappeared before officers could apprehend him. He went from here to his home, arranged his affairs and left again the next morning, announcing that he was coming to court here. He failed to appear and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. When a search of several days failed to reveal his whereabouts a reward was offered and his bail, given by a prominent Spring City merchant in the sum of \$1000, was declared forfeited. Later the search was given up after detectives had traced him to Canada.

Late last night, on answering the bell at the big studded door of the Chester County prison, Warden John L. Clower was confronted by two men.

"If Dr. C. Mewhinney, of Spring City, and I desire to surrender to you," said one of the men, and he presented papers to show he was telling the truth. The other man was Dr. Edwin Mewhinney, of Norristown, his brother, who had accompanied him to the prison after the fugitive had appeared at his home.

It is likely that Mewhinney will be taken

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into court and sentenced as soon as possible. The evidence at the trial brought out his misconduct with the little girl, whose family he attended as a physician. The physician had professed the strongest friendship toward the father of the girl, and they were bosom friends until Mewhinney's arrest.

Ratify Naming of General du Pont

DOVER, Del., July 7.—Before adjourning late yesterday the Republican State Central Committee ratified the action of the Republican National Committee in electing General T. Coleman du Pont a national committee man from Delaware. Contrary to expectations, the meeting today made no endorsements of any candidates for office.

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